

REMARKS

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

- I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a method for simultaneously determining whether a specimen contains any of one or more certain antigen species, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1;
- II: Claims 15-19, drawn to a method for determining whether a specimen contains any of one or more certain antibody species, classified in class 436, subclass 173.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 15-19, without traverse, for further examination.

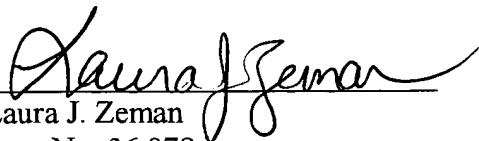
Applicant has further elected to amend the claims by canceling elected claims 15-19 and adding new claims 31-50 for the Examiner's consideration.

Reconsideration of the application is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendment should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant includes a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a four month extension. Please charge the required extension fee of \$725.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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